



Attorney Docket No.: 029318/0497

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JAIN et al.)
Serial No.: 09/337,675) Group Art Unit: 1615
Filed: June 22, 1999) Examiner: A. Pulliam
For: CONTROLLED RELEASE NANO-)
PARTICULATE COMPOSITIONS)

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to address issues raised by the Examiner in the Advisory Action mailed in the parent application on August 19, 2003. By the attached petition for an extension of time and check for the requisite fee, applicants have extended the time for responding until January 9, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.

01/07/2004 MAHMED1 00000045 09337675

02 FC:1251

110.00 OP